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NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND NURSE MIDWIVES VEHICLES: PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: PARKING PLACARDS

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Assembly Bill No. 2120 (Lui) Chaptered 116 approved by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, July 24, 2006 amend Section 5007, 9105, 22511.55 of the Vehicle Code. The amendments include nurse practitioners, nurse midwives and physician assistants as authorized health care professional that can sign the certificate substantiating the applicant's disability for the placard.

Existing law authorizes the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue distinguishing placards to persons with disabilities and veterans with disabilities and temporary distinguishing placards to temporary disabled persons, to be used for parking purposes. Prior to issuing the parking placard or temporary placard, the Department of Motor Vehicles requires the submission of a certificate, signed by an authorized health care professional, providing a full description substantiating the applicant's disability, unless the disability is readily observable and uncontested. Under existing law, the authorized health care professional that signs the certificate is required to retain information sufficient to substantiate the certificate, and make the information available to certain entities, upon request of the department.